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Timely Tidbits ...

Ayers Seeks Council Seat as Write-in

Romulus resident Franklin Ayers – familiar to many as the manager of Cottage Inn Pizzeria, located in the Super "J" Plaza at Ecorse and Merriman – has announced that he is running for City Council as a write-in candidate. For more information about his campaign, call him at 729-7467.

Romulus Schools Staffers Honored

At the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education meeting held on September 22, 35 District employees were honored for their exceptional work and received a gift of a crystal apple in remembrance of the occasion. A complete list of the awardees, as well as a brief description of their service, can be found in the centerfold (pages 8 and 9).

EPA, DEQ To Hold Hearings on EDS Site

Both the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold public hearings this month to hear citizens' comments about various aspects of a proposed hazardous waste facility which Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), is seeking to construct and operate at 28470 Citrin Drive in Romulus.

Both meetings will be held at Romulus High School, located at 9650 South Wayne Road – the EPA's on Thursday, October 9, from 7 to 10 p.m.; the DEQ's on Wednesday, October 22, beginning at 7 p.m.

Written and/or oral comments will be accepted from the public at each meeting.

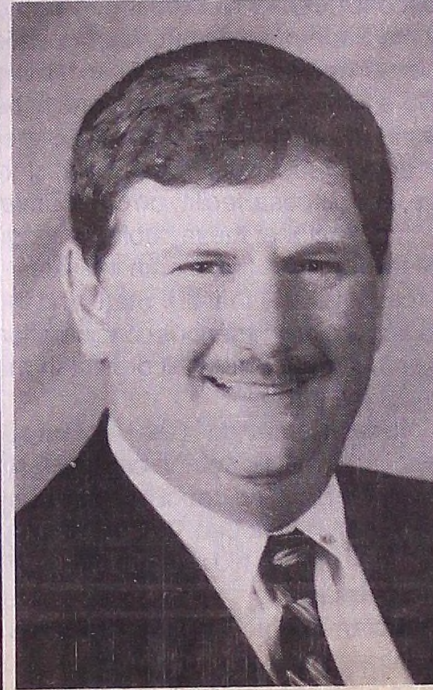
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Incumbents Seek Continued Service



Councilwoman Mary Collins



Councilman William Crova

Editor's note: In this issue, The Romulus News continues its focus on candidates for Romulus City Council with profiles of incumbents Mary Collins and William Crova. Watch for more candidate profiles in our October 10 and October 24 editions.

Mary (Hatten) Collins

"Once, I was politically challenged to 'change it if I didn't like it,'" said Councilwoman Mary Collins. "Well, I believe that I have helped change both the image and direction of our city, and I ask to continue that effort one more time in November."

The lifelong Romulus resident has seen the beginnings of a transformation in her hometown, and feels privileged to have been a part of it. "When you have a majority of people – small as it may be – who *really* are concerned for the community, its people, and its image, you see and experience a dramatic turnaround," she stated.

Among the examples of improvement to which Collins points:

- the completion of the Vining Road interchange at a fraction of the originally estimated cost to citizens;
- a firm commitment from Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc. – a large, nationally known retail developer – to establish a world-class shopping center at the new interchange;
- major and minor road resurfacing and repairs, with established programs to continue improvements;

- major replacement and repairs to water and sewer lines, again with established programs to continue improvements; and
- booming residential construction.

Collins is especially excited about this last item. "The best part is the *new* home development that's *here and now*. It's not just the usual tract housing, but sizeable, quality homes that will allow and encourage people to put down roots here, to raise their families here, and to call Romulus home, as I have had the privilege to do all my life."

Not one to rest on her laurels, Collins isn't content to merely follow up on projects that she's already helped to initiate. She has great plans for the future: "We need to continue to look ahead. I dream of a recreation center that will make others look like small potatoes. We have established wetlands which could be turned into nature centers where our children can experience the joy of the clean, natural outdoors. We need more community parks where children and adults can play in safety on equipment that is state-of-the-art."

The dedication and work ethic that Collins has brought to her job may be one of her greatest strengths. Citizens who attend Council meetings or watch them at home have probably noticed her obvious preparedness to address the various items on the agenda, as she frequently refers to notes on research

that she conducts prior to the meetings. Perhaps it is because she is so thorough in her investigations that she never hesitates to let her colleagues know when she *doesn't* feel sufficiently informed to vote immediately on a proposed item.

"I don't believe that 'rubber-stamp government' benefits the people as a whole," she explained, "so I don't vote on issues just to go along with the majority, or just for the sake of expediency. I want to learn as much as I can about the items that come before Council so that my vote is an informed vote – one that will benefit the City and its residents."

This is just one aspect of the "businesslike approach" that Collins wants to continue to encourage in City government. "We need leadership that will say to business and industry, 'Come, join us ... but do it with quality and style, not quantity and greed.' We need leadership that will make our international airport an asset, not a liability."

Collins says that she's encouraged by the budding sense of cooperation that has been in evidence in the community lately, and feels that two factors will be essential to its continued growth.

First, she points with hope to recent activities which were well attended by residents. "We need to continue to foster a sense of togetherness in our neighborhoods through community activities," she said. "For instance, the new Pumpkin Festival promises to be an annual favorite, and the car show that was put together by the Callisons of Udders was a great way to christen our new Goddard Road development. These types of events will become gatherings where people from every corner of Romulus can come for fun and fellowship."

But even more important, according to Collins, is the need for government to become more accessible to the public. "As elected officials, we have to do more to make citizens feel welcome to participate in what is, after all, *their* government. I think that some residents feel intimidated at the thought of appearing before their representatives to make their wishes known, and that others have become resigned and apathetic because they believe that their votes don't count, and that their efforts to participate would be futile.

"We have to change that," she continued on page 4

Letter to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Reader Asks Council To Explain EDS "Status"

Dear Editor:

This letter is an open request to our Romulus City Council members to explain the status of the Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) projects and related litigation.

My understanding concerning the litigation is that the City of Romulus has won the Wayne County Circuit Court case in which the City sued EDS to stop its Northline Road project, saying it was located in the wrong zoning district. I also understand that the City won the Circuit Court case where EDS sued the City for \$100,000,000 in damages that it claims were caused by the City.

Recently, I heard one of the City's attorneys speak at a City Council meeting, confirming my understanding of the litigation's status. This attorney then added that he expected EDS to appeal the Circuit Court decision.

To me, this indicates that the City is still in an at-risk position relative to EDS' possible use of the Northline Road site and is at risk to possibly pay damages to EDS. If we as a City are not at risk in this regard, I request the Council to inform the residents of Romulus.

Interestingly, whenever I hear comments from the Council, they are simple requests to attend public hearings. Why are so many public hearings being held if the Council has this matter under control? The latest set of newspapers indicates that the United States Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has issued draft well permits for two new wells for EDS's Citrin Drive project, the new site selected after the City took the position that such a project should be located in a zoning district limited to areas east of the airport. These newspapers also indicated that there will be a second hearing in October, conducted by the State of Michigan, where public comments will be accepted concerning EDS's application (recently found to be administratively complete by the State) for a hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility on Citrin Drive.

The fact that these public hearings are taking place this month indicates – to me, at least – that the State and the USEPA are giving serious consideration to permitting a deepwell project in the City of Romulus.

What is amazing is the fact that our city council never comes out and talks about all of this, no doubt because they feel they will look bad. To the contrary, they look bad for hiding from the public on this issue.

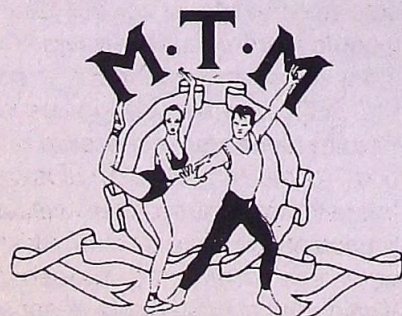
I plan to vote for candidates who are willing to discuss the real issues, not those who only hide behind "fight the well" positions. It's easy for candidates to simply say they are against the well. The difficult but courageous position is to admit that we have a problem and come up with an intelligent solution.

I ask the Council candidates to publicly discuss an overall solution to this well issue. To not address the real issues does not help our city at all.

Yours truly,
Dorothy Nesler □

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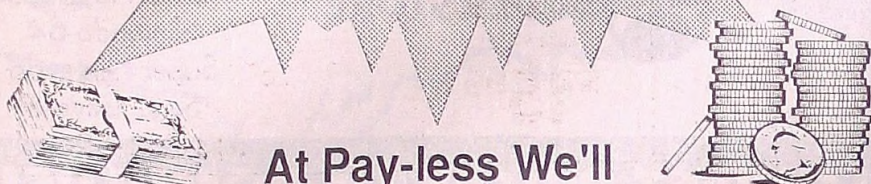
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Guest Commentary

State Legislature's New Website Offers Access to Important Information

By State Representative Raymond E. Basham, 22nd District

I am pleased to tell you about a new service that the Legislature will be offering to the public. In keeping with the growing use and popularity of the Internet, the House of Representatives, in conjunction with the Senate, now has a Website. The address is <http://www.MichiganLegislature.org> and it went on-line September 19.

This website is important for a number of reasons.

First, while I think that everyone is interested in the laws we pass which might affect them, I know that there are many who are also interested in the process we go through to make those laws. The web page will allow persons to access:

- current legislative documents, such as bills which are pending before us;
- journals of the House and Senate, which are the official records of both chambers;
- session calendars, which indicate which issues are ready for action by the full membership of either chamber; and
- the various resolutions which have been introduced.

All of this material is now available to anyone who requests it, but it is difficult for us to get it to people as rapidly as they might like. And although I strongly encourage and welcome people visiting the Capitol to actually listen to the debate on bills, obviously that is not always convenient. With the website, people can access this information immediately.

Second, I really hope that this website will become a valuable educational tool. The use of computers in the classroom continues to grow and the information that is available through them is amazing. When our kids are learning about Michigan's government, this will be such a great resource for them and their teachers; I think it will make the process become a bit more real to them. It certainly isn't the kind of thing that I had at my fingertips when I was in school, and I can't help but think it is so much more exciting to be in school in this age of technology.

Some logistical information about the page: The web page will be updated within an hour after documents are released for public distribution by either a legislative office or an agency. The bill status portion will be updated each evening to reflect the actions taken.



Representative Ray Basham

Besides the information I mentioned earlier, the site contains links to other legislative pages, such as the House of Representatives page, the Senate page, and the Library of Michigan page. Those wishing to E-mail their legislator can find the address on either the House or the Senate pages. My E-mail address is rbasham@house.state.mi.us.

There is no subscription or fee necessary to access this information, but of course your computer must be linked to the Internet. Those who are interested in utilizing the page but either do not have their own home computer or their computer is not hooked to the Internet might want to check out their public library. Many of them now offer a method of accessing the Internet. In fact, both the Romulus and Taylor public libraries do so.

I know many people are intimidated by a computer and what it has to offer, but it can be a valuable resource for information. I hope you will take a few minutes to check out the page and let me know what you think!

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals or spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, at no charge, at any time.

For more information, contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at either 941-1907 or 941-3113. □

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tinued. "Elected officials need to be more receptive to the ideas of their constituents, and one way that we can better accomplish this is to be more flexible in our willingness to listen to those who speak during the "public comment" portion of the Council meetings. I understand the need for a three-minute guideline to be enforced on evenings when many people want to address the Council, especially if they all have similar comments on the same subject, but surely we can give speakers a little more latitude – and a little more courtesy – on evenings when only three or four wish to be heard."

Collins attended Hayti School (first in its original location – a "little wooden schoolhouse" on Henry Ruff Road – and later at its final location on Beverly) and is a graduate of Romulus High School (which, at that time, was on Olive Street). In 1981, she graduated *cum laude* from the Detroit College of Business (Dearborn) with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and management, and she received her Assessors I Certification in 1992. The certification has furthered her career in the City of Wayne's Finance Department, where she went to work eight years ago after serving six years as secretary to the Romulus City Council. She is a member of both the Michigan Association of Assessors and the Michigan Society of Planning Officials, and has worked to benefit her community through service on the Romulus Board of Appeals, the Romulus Beautification Commission, the Romulus Cable Commission, and the Youth Assistance Program.

Collins and husband Ron, who is employed with the City of Romulus Building and Grounds Department, have seven children – Ann Hatten, David Hatten, Maggie (Hatten) Jesko, Mark Collins, Chris Collins, Lyndie Collins, and Kevin Collins – as well as six grandchildren: Kady and Cal Jesko and Sean, Nathan, Kelsey, and Seth Collins.

For more information about the Collins campaign, call 942-0404.

William Crova

With his thorough, formal manner and obvious preparedness, Councilman William Crova is another official who brings a business-like air to City Council meetings.

"I think there are many issues in front of the City now – and that will be coming before us in the future – which will require a great deal of careful thought and planning on the part of City Council," he stated.

As one example, Crova referred to the City's often frustrating relations with Wayne County on matters involving noise mitigation at Metropolitan Airport. "We have made repeated attempts to work with County officials to resolve the

problem of excessive Airport noise, but the results have been less than satisfactory to date. Negotiations which appear initially promising seem to fizzle out after County officials' vague promises for future meetings never come to fruition."

Yet, because of his concern for this interminable and intolerable situation which impacts so many Romulus residents, Crova is determined to continue working with his colleagues to find a solution. "I feel that the Airport has not been fair in reference to negotiating with the people of our community, and I will strive to establish better lines of communication between the City and the County."

Crova's philosophy of mutual cooperation for the benefit of all also extends to relations between the City and the Romulus Community Schools. "I think that the building of bridges between the City Council and the School District is an important area. We have opened the lines of communication and are working together to make our community a better place in the future. Hopefully, our collaborative efforts will lead to a number of improvements, particularly a recreation facility."

Another area of particular interest to Crova – who also serves as Council's representative on the Romulus Planning Commission – is the City's burgeoning residential development. "I feel that a town is its people," he explained. "Without people, we have no town. That's why I'm so pleased that there are five subdivisions currently before the Planning Commission for its consideration. I believe that it's very important to have residential growth in our community, and we are starting to see that become a reality."

Crova is also pleased with the progress that's being made toward the long-awaited establishment of the Metro World Centre project. "Metro World Centre has been under ongoing consideration for the past 20 years, and I truly believe that we are finally close to culminating this particular issue. If, in fact, the Tanger organization does establish a new outlet mall at the Vining Road interchange, it should serve as an excellent basis for further development. I believe that business will bring business, and that Tanger's considerable investment into our area will shape what we will have in the future."

And on the subject of the poor condition of our city's roads, Crova said, "We, at the Council level, have worked extensively with the administration to establish a road-paving program. I think that this is an important area that needs to be addressed, and I would like to expand upon this in the future."

A lifelong Romulus resident, the 50-year-old Crova graduated from Romu-

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UPPER PENINSULA

1 Lake of the Clouds Scenic Overlook. At the western terminus of SR 107-offers an excellent view of the surrounding Porcupine Mountains.

2 Quincy Lookout-Historic Monument. Located in Hancock on the Keweenaw Peninsula, north on US 41. Provides fine views of the Keweenaw Waterway and sister city Houghton.

LOWER PENINSULA

3 Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Southwest of Glen Arbor, the seven-mile-long Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive provides access to the high dunes and views from the Lake Michigan bluffs.

4 US-31 through Benzonia and Beulah provides a breathtaking view of Crystal Lake and surrounding hills.

5 M-37 north of Traverse City rides the high ridge of Old Mission Peninsula, with two or three wineries offering free tasting and fall color viewing. Several wineries on the nearby Leelanau Peninsula also offer excellent vineyard views.

6 Manistee River/Hodenpyl Dam Pond. One mile south of Mesick on M-37 is a scenic turnout with an expansive view of the Manistee River at Hodenpyl Dam Pond.

7 Pere Jacques Marquette Monument. Looming over Ludington, this huge illuminated cross overlooks the harbor and marks the spot where Pere Jacques Marquette is thought to have died in 1675.

8 Lumberman's Monument. About 20 minutes west of downtown Oscoda on River Road, Lumberman's Monument overlooks the Au Sable River near the western shore of Lake Huron.

9 Warren Dunes State Park. Hang gliders are a familiar sight south of Bridgman at nearby Sawyer on the state's southwest shore.

10 Irish Hills Towers. One mile west of US 12 and SR 124, Irish Hills Towers provide panoramic views of northern Lenawee County.

NOMINATIONS PLEASE

To nominate your favorite fall color "high," write: Public Relations, AAA Michigan, 1 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126, or e-mail us at: pr@aaamich.com. Be sure to provide an accurate description of the nominated location. Results will be made public in time for next year's fall color tour.

Southeast Michigan City Views Offer Special Color Trips

Fall color in Southeast Michigan cities? You betcha, says AAA Michigan.

"Some of the best views of Michigan's annual color show happen in the parks, drives, lakes, and nature centers within a few minutes of most Michiganders, within their own metro areas," says AAA Travel Agency Director Bill Best.

"Most parks offer picnicking and nature trails or drives, and some have nature programs and naturalist-led hikes to let you enjoy fall colors up close," he said.

Here are just a few ideas from AAA to get you started on your fall color trip in Southeast Michigan:

Belle Isle

Belle Isle, the 985-acre gem in the middle of the Detroit River, is a perfect spot to catch some late-season viewing come late September and October. About 75% of the island is covered by hardwoods, with swamp white, pin oak, and silver maple with dogwood berries the predominant species, says Belle Isle Nature Center naturalist Suzanne Campbell.

There are about eight miles of roads on the island, with top speed of 20 mph in most areas, including a 5 1/2-mile drive circling the perimeter, with plenty of views of trees surrounding sights like the Belle Isle Aquarium and Whitcomb Conservatory. Some of the roads comb the island's densely wooded interior, where, if you're lucky, you'll catch a glimpse of some of the 120 or so European fallow deer who call the woods home. At the Nature Center, three miles of paved biking trails near the athletic complex offer more opportunities to view fall finery, and there are seasonal programs as well.

Call 313-852-4056 for information on possible fall naturalist programs. It's open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Middle Rouge Parkway

Providing a 16-mile continuous stretch of gold, red, and yellows, the Middle Rouge Parkway, nicknamed Hines Park after the Edward N. Hines Drive that winds through it, delights commuters and picnickers with the brilliant colors of oaks, maples, and other trees along it and the meandering Middle Rouge River between Northville and Dearborn. View the season's color debut during "Saturdays and Sundays in the Park," when, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., only bicycles and other nonmotorized vehicles are allowed (until September 28). Numerous mini-parks offer picnicking and playground fun for kids along the way.

Crosswinds Marsh

The new Crosswinds Marsh on Haggerty Road west of I-275 in Sump-

ter Township near the Wayne-Monroe County border, filled in for farming in the 1800s, has been reclaimed and offers six miles of nature trails through forested wetlands of cottonwood, red, and silver maple and ash. There is no fee to enjoy the naturalist-led walks which will be offered. Through at least mid-October, paddle a canoe (\$10 for two hours) on a two-mile marked trail through the marsh. Fall color should be peaking in mid- to late-October there, according to Carol Clements, Wayne County Parks naturalist.

She also recommends Westland's Holiday Nature Preserve. Its trails and bridges are being redone, but visitors still can walk the preserve from dawn to dusk on their own. Call Wayne County Parks at 313-261-1990 for information.

Kensington Metropark

Still in the Detroit metro area and near the communities of Brighton and Milford, Kensington Metropark is one of the region's best. Kensington is one of 13 Metroparks ringing the region.

An eight-mile hike and bike trail winds around the main lake, with flora marked along the way. Best drives are Route 2 through the park's hardwoods, and Route 3, offering great color overlooks into the lake valley's maple, oak, hickory, and ash. Depending on the weather, mid-October is usually best for the color watch, says park naturalist Mike Broughton. The park nature center and picnic areas are open year-round. Call 248-685-1561.

For information on other Metroparks, call 800-47-PARKS.

Maybury State Park

Near Northville, Maybury State Park was the State's first urban state park, says park manager Anna Sylvester. The 945-acre facility is 70% beech and sugar maple, which often makes for brilliant fall colors.

There are six miles of dirt hiking trails and four miles of paved bike trails. "That's where colors are nicest," she says. "We also have 11 miles of horseback riding trails. Guided rides are \$18 an hour on weekends, \$14 on weekdays."

"There often are naturalist-led hikes," she adds. "One 3/4-mile trail is self-guided. Pamphlets direct walkers to trees and plants along the way."

At the turn-of-the century farm, the October 12 harvest festival from 12 to 4 p.m. will feature hands-on farming opportunities, all when the colors should be their finest.

Maybury is on Eight Mile Road west of Beck, near Northville in Oakland County. For more park information, call 248-349-8390.

There are scores more fall viewing opportunities in or near the State's urban centers. Just look and see! □

Without a Vote, Congress Gives Itself a Raise

Without any speakers on the floor and without a single word in the Treasury Postal Appropriations bill, Congress raised its salary. The Ethics Reform Act of 1989 allows members of Congress to receive an automatic raise each year in the amount of the cost of living adjustment (COLA) unless legislation is passed to deny it.

This year's debate on Congressional salaries took place behind the scenes. Representative Lynn Rivers (D-MI) had hoped to join Representative Linda Smith (R-WA) in opposing the salary increase in House debate. However, all amendments were blocked from being offered through complicated parliamentary procedure.

Said Rivers, "Since my election in 1994, the issue of Congressional COLAs has been one of my top priorities. I have sponsored and cosponsored several measures in both the 104th and 105th Congresses to eliminate COLAs for members of Congress. I am concerned that members did not publicly debate the merits of a salary increase. We are certainly willing to discuss the salaries of others—federal employees, soldiers, and scientists—in the view of TV cameras. Congress should face the American people squarely when deciding their



Congresswoman Lynn Rivers

own compensation."

This year's raise will increase members' salary by 2.6 percent or \$3,470. "I refuse to accept this pay raise and I plan to fight it on several fronts. I will offer legislation to repeal this year's COLA and I sincerely hope Congress will move quickly to consider it. This pay increase was handled shamefully and I will return my raise to the Federal Treasury." □

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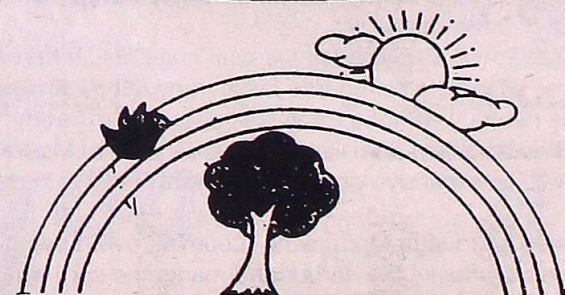
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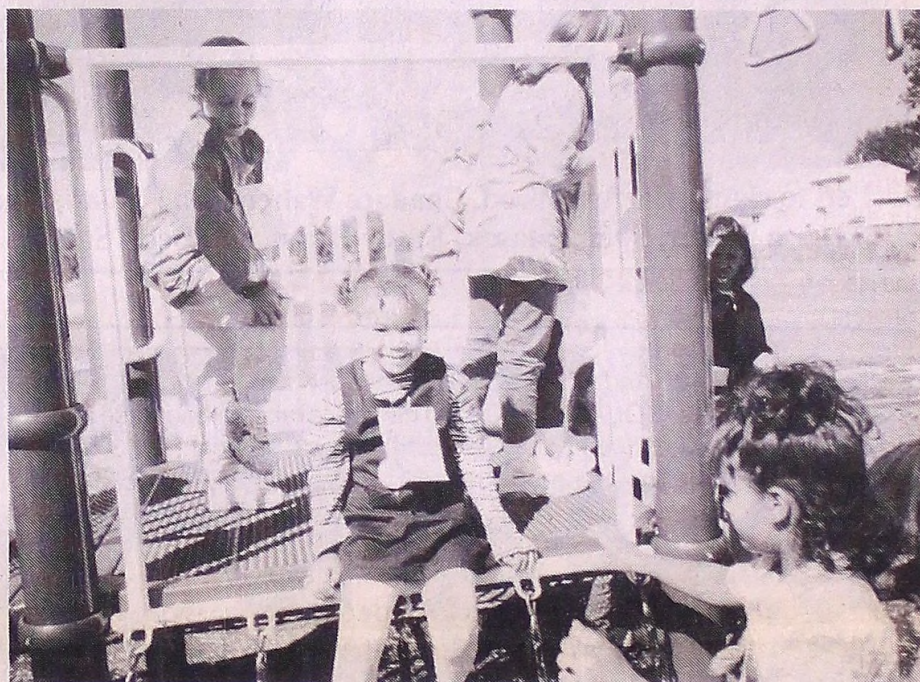
Halecreek Kindergartners Enjoy First Weeks of School

By Cathy Kudra

The Kindergarten children at Halecreek Elementary have settled into the school's routine and are enjoying their first weeks of class. They participate in various activities that help them feel good about school and see themselves as successful learners. They are strengthening their listening, visual perception, and speaking skills, which will,

in turn, prepare them for mastering reading and math skills as the year progresses. They are learning to be contributing group members to the kindergarten class by sharing, taking turns, and helping their fellow students.

The friendly staff at Halecreek remind parents and community volunteers that they are always welcome to lend a hand and help out at school. □



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Amanda Smith and Brittany Hanner work at the playdough table.

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(Left to right) Gina Carter, Nan Meyers, Diane Bishop, Cathy Kudra, John Juriga, and Carole Bales.



Congratul

Carole Bales – Wick Secretary: Played key role on Climate Committee; provided assistance throughout district training/in-service of new secretarial staff; was instrumental in planning/coordinating district-wide secretarial in-service in August 1996.

Gary Banas – Middle School: Planned and implemented numerous Student Council activities, including Devil's Night Dance, adoption of a needy Romulus family, Roller Skating Night, "Have a Heart" Valentine's Day benefiting Cymonne Pyles, month-long Positive Reward Recognition Activity, food drive for flood-ravaged victims in Kentucky, fund-raiser for AT Foundation, and 8th-grade End-of-the-Year Dance.

Diane Bishop – Wick Intervention Room/Interim Secretary: As Climate Committee member, helped standardize assertive discipline program.

Wendy Blohm – Cory Learning Specialist: Key member of School/Community Committee and member of Curriculum Council; provided leadership during Ms. Adkins' absence last year; spearheaded work at the grade-level meetings.

Mary Ann Bush – Barth Learning Specialist/Talent Development Coordinator: Did MEAP Preparation for 4th-grade Reading and Math and 5th-grade Science and Writing; provided enrichment consultation, resources, and materials for teachers and parents; coordinated and trained with three teachers in Curriculum Differentiation (awareness sessions and strategies for teachers).

Gina Carter – Merriman Intervention Room: Played an integral role in developing a safe, consistent, positive school environment; took an active role at Merriman through leadership of Safety Patrol and Student Council; helped plan Black History Month celebration, Reading Rainbow awards, and Sixth Grade Graduation.

Alicia Deltoro-Watson – Barth Pre-primary Impaired Teacher: As School Improvement Team Facilitator, coordinated all meetings and disseminated information to staff; as district-wide Climate Committee work, provided research on stages of development in children.

Sue Eastman – Barth Head Custodian: Did excellent work with custodial staff and caring for physical facility; maintained positive rapport with staff and sincere interest, care, and concern for students.

Hattie English – Cory 4th-grade Teacher: Mentored new staff members; provided leadership during Ms. Adkins' absence; did extensive work on Cory's Summer Program.

Vernita Gilkey – Cory 5th-grade Teacher: Mentored new staff members; provided leadership during Ms. Adkins' absence; did extensive work on Cory's Summer Program.

Sandra Godbout – Halecreek 1st-grade Teacher: As Technology facilitator at Halecreek, attended weekly Curriculum and Technology meetings; member of School Improvement Team.

Carol Gursky – Barth 5th-grade Teacher/Curriculum Facilitator: As Barth School Curriculum Facilitator, coordinated Language Arts; worked to significantly increase student scores in Writing on the 5th-grade MEAP Assessment.



ations to Romulus Community Schools Staff Recognition'' Honorees



Marie Hall – Barth 3rd/4th-grade Teacher: Demonstrated the unique ability to manage a split classroom with high expectations in a positive and supportive environment; helped her students present a play to Barth students as a culminating activity for Language Arts, giving each and every child an active role in the production; assisted in MEAP Preparation for 4th-grade Reading and Math.

Kathy Hurst – District-wide Service Learning Coordinator: Served on Parent/School Compact Committee and Boys and Girls Club Committee; as Service Learning Coordinator, initiated tutoring at Barth and Cory; planned and implemented two successful symposiums involving approximately 800 students from surrounding school districts; performed a variety of services at Barth Elementary School, including acting as Coordinator of a Peer Tutoring Program (High School students and Barth 5th-graders) during MEAP Preparation for Science and Writing; served as Climate Committee Member; acted as researcher of and contributing writer for district-wide philosophy for shaping behavior.

Henry James – Senior High Band Director: Consistently – during school, after school, in the summer – gave of his time to numerous school activities, including band camp, football games, assemblies, and City of Romulus activities; spends time with his students rehearsing for several annual performances, as well as band competition.

Barb Jaszcz – Merriman 1st-grade Teacher: Member of Technology Committee; actively involved parent volunteers in her classroom; communicated with parents through a weekly newsletter which highlights students' accomplishments and keeps parents informed of classroom instructional activities; worked to improve student academic achievement.

John Juriga – Middle School Teacher: Was a leader in the effort to obtain a Boys and Girls Club in Romulus; member of School/Community Committee.

Cathy Kudra – Halecreek Kindergarten Teacher: Attended all P.T.G. meetings and Saturday Spring Fair; member of Preschool Committee; had 100% parent participation at Fall and Spring Conferences; volunteered for district audit; worked on kindergarten science curriculum.

Algertha Leonard – Merriman 5th-grade Teacher: Organized activities to celebrate student academic achievement, such as Reading Rainbow awards and Black History Month celebration; holds high expectations for students' academic achievement and behavior.

Nan Meyers – Halecreek Media Technician: Sponsored monthly student newspaper; facilitated computer scheduling for Career Day; organized "Halecreek Harry," a book written by Halecreek students; attended weekly planning sessions regarding the academic initiatives; sponsored a special activity for Reading Month.

Bonnie Mientkiewicz – Barth 4th-grade Teacher: Demonstrated exceptional talent in her approach to preparing 4th-grade students for the MEAP Reading and Math Assessment in October 1996.

Marge Olson – Wick Learning Specialist: Member of preschool committee; made significant contributions to grade-level professional development activities and curriculum alignment.

Gail Perkins – Halecreek Learning Specialist: Member of Curriculum Council; chair of School Improvement Team; elementary coordinator for North Central; lead facilitator in district grade-level meetings for 5th- and 6th-grade teachers; attended weekly curriculum and technology planning meetings.

Jean Reott – Barth 5th/6th-grade Teacher: Science instructor to all 5th-grade students; provided lab experiences with many materials that she and her husband made; involved each child by using a hands-on approach; assisted MEAP Prep for 5th-grade Science Assessment.

Peg Ross – Merriman Learning Specialist: Consistently, and in a very positive and vocal manner, has supported all initiatives; tackles all assignments with enthusiasm; maintains the focus on student achievement through her role as Learning Specialist.

Irene Sandusky – Cory Paraprofessional: Designed activities for her CAIC that not only support student learning, but make it meaningful and fun; was extremely supportive of the new initiatives; assists teachers with all students; worked as Yearbook Advisor.

Betty Santo – Middle School: Assisted with Leadership Camp, MEAP Promotion, fund-raisers for Stephanie Smith and Cymonne Pyles, food and clothing drives for seven families and Kentucky Relief Program, and Senior Citizens' events, including St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, Mother's Day Banquet, and picnic at Senior Citizens Center.

Sheila Stasak – Halecreek (now at Barth): Conducted teacher inservice on Mastery Learning; acted as Curriculum Facilitator and as Elementary Coordinator for North Central; member of Curriculum Council; attended weekly curriculum and technology planning meetings.

Gail Thompkins – Halecreek Intervention Room Specialist: Member of District Climate Committee and Halecreek's Positive Discipline Committee; cosponsor of the Student Advisory Council; arranged monthly assemblies; coordinated the School Store.

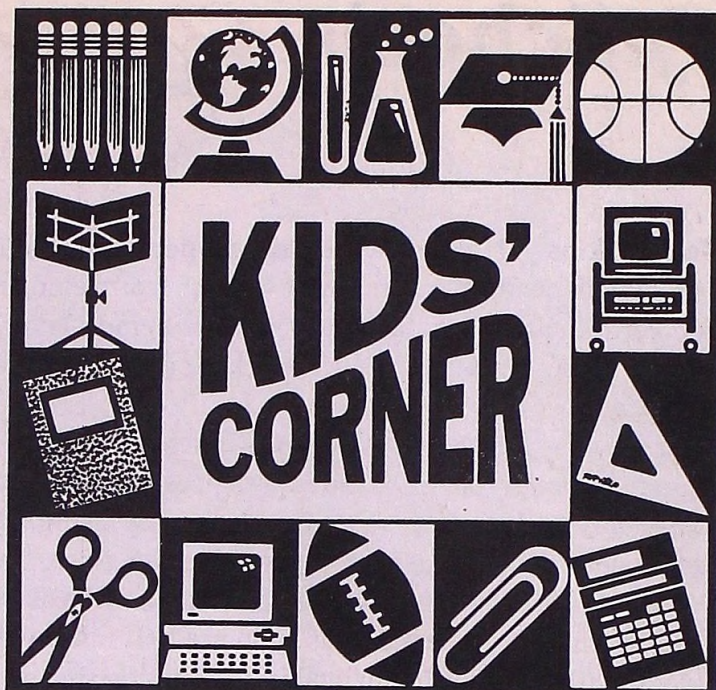
Judith Thompson-Barthwell – Senior High/Middle School Vocal Music Teacher: Produced last year's production of "The Wiz"; works extensively with her dance troupe, which has performed numerous times outside the district; works daily with students after school.

Candace Walters – Cory 4th-grade Teacher: Completed a year-long process to become Romulus' first Nationally Certified Teacher; will represent the district in October at the First Annual National Certified Teachers Conference in Washington, D.C.

Marilyn Wood – Wick Kindergarten Teacher: Preschool Committee member who coordinated development of "Right From the Start" parenting packets.

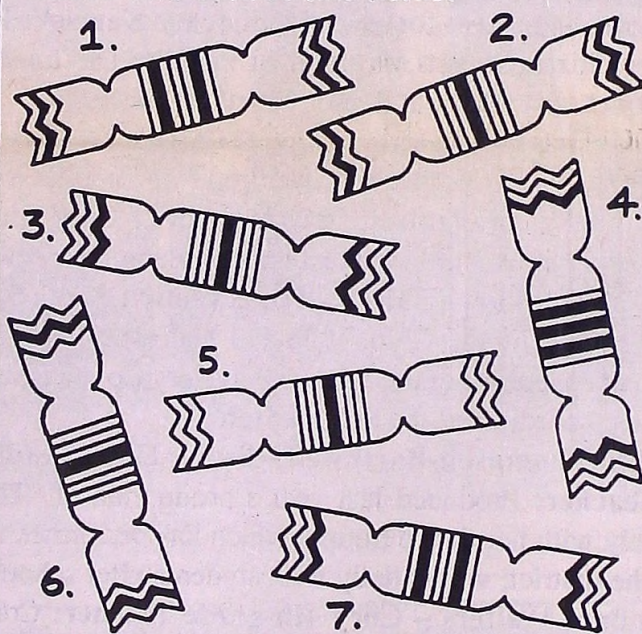
Frank Zarzycki – Middle School: Organized "Habitat for Hounds," in which industrial arts and special education students built dog houses to be donated to our local animal shelter for homeless dogs; raised \$1,000 for the Romulus Helping Hand Thrift Store by having his students build Christmas wagons.





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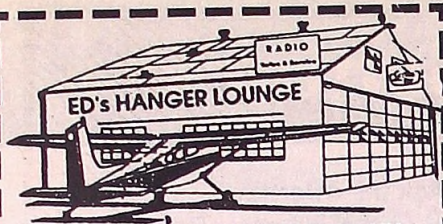
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ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Public Hearing for Annual Report

The Romulus school district will hold a public hearing concerning the 1996-1997 school year's Annual Report on Monday, October 13. The report will be presented during the regular meeting of the Romulus Board of Education, which will be held at the District's administrative office (located at 36540 Grant Road in Romulus) beginning at 7:30 p.m. Questions may be directed to the administrative office: 313-941-1600.

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Community Calendar

- **Rummage/Bake Sale** – Whispering Willows Apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road) will hold its annual Rummage/Bake Sale in the building's lobby on Friday, October 3, and Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring their change purses and pin money to take advantage of the many wonderful bargains that will be offered.
- **Romulus Alumni Baseball Game** – The Third Annual Romulus Alumni Baseball Game will be held at Romulus High School's varsity baseball field on Saturday, October 4, at 1 p.m. Players will once again be divided into teams of "odd years" and "even years." The cost of \$20 – which includes a T-shirt, pizza, and pop – can be paid on the day of the game. Big swingers can also participate in the Home Run Derby (set for 12:30 p.m.), where a \$5 donation gets you five tries for a long ball. To find out more about getting involved in these events, call Keith Brothers at the Romulus Recreation Department (9424-6852) or Marge Bergman at the Adult Education Center (941-0610). All proceeds from the event will be used to support the Romulus High School baseball team.
- **Special Events at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend the following special events slated for Apple Fest weekend: Country/Craft Show (Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, October 5, from 12 to 5 p.m.); Soup Luncheon (Saturday, October 4, from 11 a.m. until sold out); Worship (Sunday, October 5, at 10 a.m.); Barbecue Chicken/Ribs Dinner (Sunday, October 5, from 12 to 4 p.m., or until sold out). The Church will also host one of its famous All-you-can-eat Fish Dinners (featuring a menu of baked and deep-fried fish, French-fried and scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, roll, macaroni, jell, dessert, and drink – all for a very reasonable price) on Friday, October 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, please contact the Church at 753-9048.
- **Nursery Participates in Apple Fest; Sponsors Craft Auction** – Huron Countryside Cooperative Nursery – a nonprofit organization that admits students of any race, color, sex, handicap, or ethnic or national origin – invites the public to stop by the nursery's booth during the Huron Township Apple Fest (October 4-5) to purchase a delicious homemade pie, and also to attend its annual fund raiser (featuring a craft auction, 50/50 drawing, and cookie walk), which will be held at Miller Elementary School (located at 18955 Hannan Road, New Boston) on Thursday, November 6, beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, call 782-2115..
- **Household Dog Obedience Class** – The Adult & Community Education program at Wayne County Community College is offering a "household dog obedience" class beginning October 21. Dogs must be at least five-and-a-half months of age; proof of shots and a negative fecal check must be presented to the training master on the first night of class; and dogs must be on a leash and wear a training collar. Doggie treats are optional, but nice to have. No animals that endanger other animals or humans will be accepted; this includes wolves, wolf hybrids, pit bulls, etc., deemed to be dangerous by the trainer. All handlers taking the class must be at least 18 years of age. For information about schedules and fees, please call 697-5334.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-2720.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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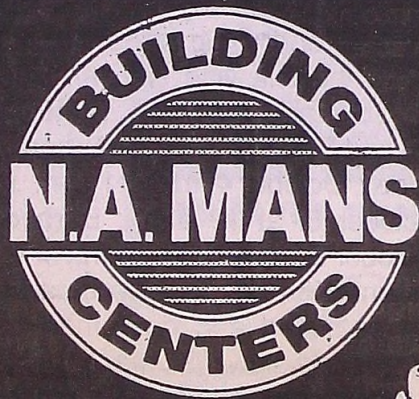
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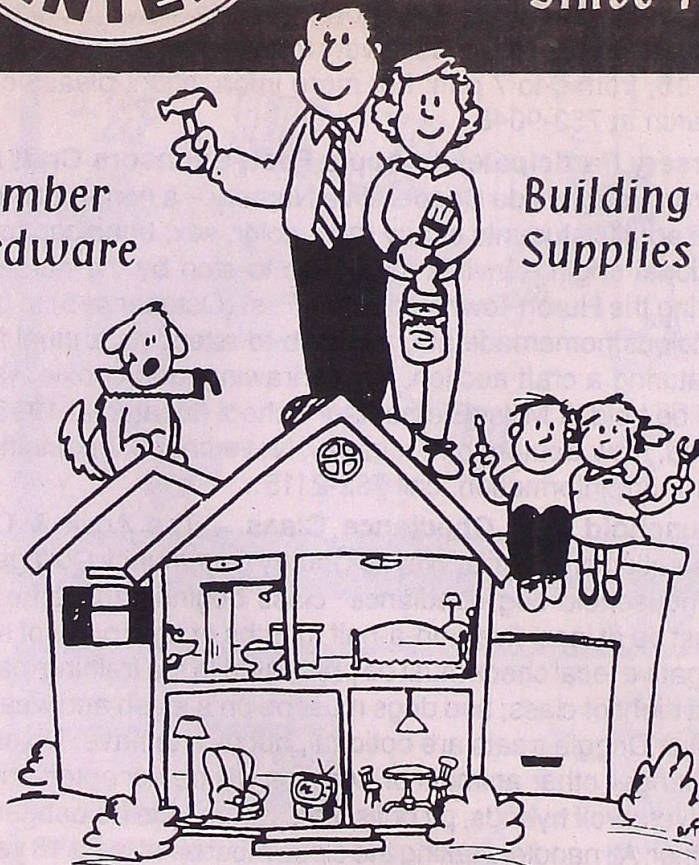
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Bake/Rummage Sales

Bargain shoppers won't want to miss the annual Whispering Willows and Romulus Senior Center rummage sales which are coming up soon.

The Whispering Willows Bake/Rummage Sale is the first on the horizon. It will be held in the lobby of the senior-citizen apartment building, located at 11100 Wayne Road, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 3, and Saturday, October 4.

The Romulus Senior Center's Trash or Treasure event has been set for Friday, October 17, and Saturday, October 18. Romulus seniors (age 50 and over) who would like to participate can do so by signing up at the Center. There is no rental fee, but space is limited, so be sure to sign up right away if you're interested.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. (Note: Deposits insure your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to either the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Day and Overnight Trips** – Seats are still available for the following trips: "Halloween Crossroads & Train Ride" (Sat., Oct. 25; \$33), "Sarnia Lights" (Sat., Nov. 29; \$48), "Rockettes and Mountain Jacks" (Wed., Dec. 3; \$64), "Chesning Christmas" (Wed., Dec. 3; \$64), and "Chicago Shopping & Casino Fun" (Thurs., Dec. 18, & Fri., Dec. 19; \$101).

Haircuts

Senior citizens can come into the Romulus Senior Center for \$5 haircuts on the second Monday of each month beginning at 1 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome, but, for your own convenience, the Center recommends calling ahead for an appointment. Note: Since "shampoo" facilities are not available, seniors must arrive with clean hair.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been set for Wednesday, October 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Free Blood-pressure Readings

GranCare Home Health invites local seniors to stop in at the Romulus Senior Center at 1 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month for a free blood-pressure check and a chance to "ask the nurse" questions regarding medications, preventive health alternatives, disease processes, etc. (Next date: October 6.) No advance registration is required.

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations may be made by calling 942-6852.

Note: Although it is possible to make a reservation as late as 2 p.m. on the day before your trip, the Center recommends that you call as early as possible to insure that space is available.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and craft classes (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation.

Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about the "Meals on Wheels" program, call 1-800-851-1454.

Volunteers Wanted

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement.

For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4441. □

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Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

	1	2	3	
	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	
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	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	
	31	32	33	
	34	35	36	

DEFINITIONS

1. Piece of hand luggage
2. Conceals or disguises
3. Small land mass that is surrounded by water
4. Group of connected rooms
5. Makes a bow
6. Solidified, as gelatin
7. Woven receptacle
8. Bills
9. Japanese wine made of fermented rice
10. Chew cud
11. Clothing; garments
12. One confined to an institution
13. Group of journalists and other professionals who make up the communications industry
14. Assistant or helper
15. Stamping device
16. Advanced student undergoing supervised, practical training
17. Threefold; triple
18. Ceremony or service
19. Thin, protective layer
20. Fill with life
21. Disorder marked by a deficiency of red blood cells
22. A particularly close one of these may be characterized as "of the third kind"
23. Dreamy or moody instrumental composition
24. Uncharged subatomic particle
25. Sun-dried brick of clay and straw
26. Be an omen of
27. Bottom of a body of water
28. Bearing on the matter at hand
29. Interminable; perpetual
30. More clean and tidy
31. Express feelings theatrically
32. A weighty or scholarly volume
33. Came together
34. Small ornaments or trifles
35. One who joins things together
36. A young feline

For solution, see page 14

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "DECIDUOUS"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in DECIDUOUS? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, foreign words, and plurals formed with an "s" are not permitted. Only one form of a verb may be used.

Our list of 20 words can be found on page 14

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- October 3-5
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- October 3-5
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RHS Football (Varsity)

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- Inkster at Romulus
(Fri., Oct. 3, 7 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus
HOMECOMING
(Fri., Oct. 10, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson
(Fri., Oct. 17, 7 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus
(Fri., Oct. 24, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville
(Fri., Oct. 31, 7 p.m.)

RHS Football (JV)

- Romulus at Inkster
(Thurs., Oct. 2, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud
(Thurs., Oct. 9, 7 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus
(Thurs., Oct. 16, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run
(Thurs., Oct. 23, 7 p.m.)

RHS Girls' Basketball

- Robichaud at Romulus
(Thurs., Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park
(Tue., Oct. 7, 4 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus
(Thurs., Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m.)

RHS Cross Country

- Romulus at Melvindale
(Thurs., Oct. 2, 4 p.m.)
- Tri w/Kennedy at Carlson
(Thurs., Oct. 9, 4 p.m.)

RHS Girls' Tennis

- Romulus at Belleville
(Fri., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus
(Mon., Sept. 29, 4 p.m.)
- Thurston at Romulus
(Wed., Oct. 1, 4 p.m.)
- Division Tournament
(Mon., Oct. 6, TBA)

RHS Golf

- Willow Run at Romulus
(Fri., Sept. 26, 3:30 p.m.)
- Crestwood at Romulus
(Wed., Oct. 1, 3:30 p.m.)
- Taylor Scramble
(Thurs., Oct. 2, 8 p.m.)
- Division Meet at Thurston
(Tue., Oct. 7, TBA)

RMS Football

- Melvindale at Romulus
(Thurs., Oct. 2, 3:45 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus
(Thurs., Oct. 9, 3:45 p.m.)

RMS Girls' Basketball

- Romulus at Pierce
(Mon., Sept. 29, 3:45 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus
(Wed., Oct. 1, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Southgate
(Mon., Oct. 6, 3:45 p.m.)

ANSWERS

answers to puzzles from page 13

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "DECIDUOUS":

cedi, code, coed, cued, dice, dido, died,
disc, does, dose, iced, odic, scud, side,
sued, used, diode, disco, douse, escudo

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- 1) valise; 2) veils; 3) isle
 - 4) suite; 5) ties; 6) set
 - 7) basket; 8) beaks; 9) sake
 - 10) ruminant; 11) raiment; 12) inmate
 - 13) media; 14) aide; 15) die
 - 16) intern; 17) trine; 18) rite
 - 19) laminate; 20) animate; 21) anemia
 - 22) encounter; 23) nocturne; 24) neutron
 - 25) adobe; 26) bode; 27) bed
 - 28) relevant; 29) eternal; 30) neater
 - 31) emote; 32) tome; 33) met
 - 34) trinkets; 35) knitter; 36) kitten
- "autumn leaves / vibrant color"

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REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 8, 1997 was called to order by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

9/97/1 Moved by Kesner supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/97/2 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of August 25, 1997 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

The Board of Education recessed at 7:35 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, presented the following personnel actions for Board approval: Employment – Kathryn Wilton, Special Ed., High School, Effective September 2, 1997; Belinda Dendrinis, Special Ed., Middle School, Effective September 2, 1997; Brian McCalister, English, Middle School, Effective September 2, 1997; Rebecca Kutzner, English, Middle School, Effective September 2, 1997; and Rachel Paulson, Social Studies, Middle School, Effective September 2, 1997.

9/97/3 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner to approve the Personnel Actions as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

High School Police Pact

9/97/4 Moved by Berlinn supported by Webb that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached agreement with the Romulus Police Department to provide full-time police liaison for the District. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MEAP Report

Mr. Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum, shared an analysis of the MEAP results for writing and science and answered questions presented to him by members of the Board of Education.

Membership on Building Committee

Julie A. Oleszkowicz, President, appointed Kenneth E. Berlinn and Judith A. Gondek (Alternate) to join her to work with Barton Malow and the City for facilities planning.

Opening of School Report

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, updated the Board of Education on the opening of school and responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Several members of the audience addressed the Board of Education relative to transportation concerns and the lack of a teacher contract.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Vocational Consortium Calendar; 2) Acceptance Form – NSBA New Orleans; 3) Salvation Army Nomination – Joel Carr; 4) Mayor's Chair Program – Siders and Royal, and 5) City/School Minutes and Agenda for September Meeting.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Howard Kesner discussed the possibility of scheduling technology committee meetings in the evening.

Executive Session

9/97/5 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:12 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:57 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

9/97/6 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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Obituary

Lewis J. Vena

Lewis J. Vena of Titusville, Florida, died on Friday, September 12, 1997 at the age of 68.

The Ford Motor Company retiree was born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 19, 1928, and married Patricia Hoffman in Berea, Ohio, on May 23, 1986.

Surviving Lewis are his wife; one son, Gregory (and his wife Jane) Vena (Berea, OH); four daughters, Mrs. Richard (Cynthia) Mullins (Berea, OH), Mrs. Scott (Susan) Vena (Berea, OH), Miss Debra New (Romulus, MI), and Mrs. John (Dawn) Underwood (Lowell, IN); two brothers, Mr. Louis (and his wife Carol) Vena (Belleville, MI) and Mr.

Alfonso (and his wife Nora) Vena (New Boston, MI); four sisters, Mrs. Jesus (Filo) Pintos (Belleville, MI), Ms. Delores Gracia (Belleville, MI), Mrs. Richard (Tina) Koskie (Belleville, MI), and Miss Evelyn Vena (Gibraltar, MI); and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by one sister and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 17, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Robert Allmann (St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Donna J. (Hoffman) Wojciechowski

Donna J. (Hoffman) Wojciechowski of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, September 24, 1997. She was 60 years old.

The native of Wayne, Michigan was born on October 7, 1936, and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1955/56. She and husband Donald Wojciechowski were married in Romulus on September 28, 1957.

Donna was employed at the St. Aloysius Catholic Church rectory in Romulus.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Donald (Wayne, MI) and Danie

Wojciechowski (Romulus, MI); two daughters, Victoria Ann (Romulus, MI) and Andrea Lee Wojciechowski (Wayne, MI); one brother, Daniel C. Hoffman (Garden City, MI); two sisters, Delores Bellanger (Grayling, MI) and Della Horn (New Boston, MI); and three grandchildren. One sister predeceased her.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy (St. Aloysius Church) officiating. Interment will be at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). □

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lus High School in 1965 and attended Cleary Business College. For the past 24 years, he has been co-owner of Crova GMC Trucks, Inc., and is a member of the GMC Truck Professional Sales Club. He did his part to protect the safety of both his state and his community as a member of the Michigan Air National Guard and the Romulus Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Unit, and has also performed extensive community service as a member of the Romulus Planning Commission (1990-present; chairperson from 1991-1995), the Romulus Community Schools Finance Committee (1993-1995), the Romulus Rotary (president from 1974-1975), and the Senior Alliance Holiday Meals program, St. Aloysius Catholic Church.

He and wife Carol have two daughters, Mary and Karen.

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